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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" പോലീസുകാർ പത്രങ്ങളുടെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിൽ കൈ വയ്ക്കുന്ന ഈ നടപടിയെപ്പററി അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നതിന് പോലീസുകാരെത്തന്നെ നിയോഗിച്ചാൽ അന്വേഷണം നേരേ നടക്കാൻ പോകുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് പോലീസുകാരെക്കൊണ്ട് അന്വേഷിപ്പിക്കാതെ ഒരു അനൗദ്യോഗസ്ഥകമ്മിററിയെ നിയോഗിച്ചു അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുമൊ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think any committee is necessary for this purpose."

' Health check-up clinic ' for the Stanley Hospital

8-15 a.m. * 1259 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any arrangements exist in the Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, for ' Health check-up '; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The need for a separate ' Health check-up clinic ' in the Stanley Hospital Madras, has not been felt so far."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the Government have got any proposal to extend this check-up business to other hospitals in the District Headquarters."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is health check-up clinic at the General Hospital. It was started on 15th February 1954. Very few people have taken advantage of this check-up clinic."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I take it that the Hon. the Health Minister is satisfied that the health of the citizens of the City of Madras is perfectly all right? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not say that. People who are entitled for free treatment at hospitals can get all investigation done free of charge. This health chek-up clinic is intended only for those people who are prepared to pay for checking up their health and it is only for that purpose this clinic has been established."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the poor response for this experiment in the General Hospital, will the Government be pleased to shift that centre to some other district headquarters hospitals where the people are likely to make use of it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The health check-up done at the time of the exhibitions at Teynampet and at the Stanley and General Hospitals have proved very popular because a fee

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of only one rupee was charged. But at this Health check-up clinic we are charging a fee of Rs. 20 because for checking-up health, a physician, a surgeon and specialists have all to be employed. So, people are probably not prepared to pay this sum of Rs. 20.''

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—'' Sir, if the Health check-up clinics are properly encouraged and organised, the over-crowding in hospitals at particular stages may be reduced and diseases also may not develop. So, will the Government take into consideration this aspect and encourage Health check-up clinics in all the places and make it cheaper also? '' 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Government are well aware of the utility of having Health check-up clinics. But sometimes it happens that when people who come for their health check-up are told that they have high blood pressure and sugar in the urinal and all that, they get neurotic.''

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—'' May I put to the Government that only a few people have taken advantage of this check-up because of its high cost and therefore, will the Government come forward to reduce it to Rs. 10? ''

AN HON. MEMBER :—'' That is reasonable.''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' That cannot be done, Sir. A portion of the fees collected has to be paid to the doctors. I request the hon. Member and others interested in this matter to popularise the scheme and make more people come for the check-up.''

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—'' Will the Government consider the advisability of giving a check-up to the M.L.As. free at every time there is a session? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' M.L.As. can well afford to pay for it, Sir.''

SRI A. RAMASAMY TEVAR :—'' May I know whether the Hon. Minister had a check-up for himself, Sir? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' I did not feel the need for it, Sir.''

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—'' May I know, Sir, if the prescribed fee of Rs. 20 is paid, people will not become neurotic? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' It depends on the psychology of the person, Sir.''

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—'' A regular check-up will be expensive to M.L.As. and they cannot afford it. I request the Government to consider the advisability of extending it to the M.L.As.''

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" Freely? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I expected this suggestion least from the hon. Member, Sir."

Sri A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" நண்பர் ராஜம் ராமசாமி அவர்களுடைய கேள்விக்குப் பதில் அளிக்கும்போது, எம்.எல்.ஏ.-க்கள் செலவு செய்துகொண்டு உடம்பைச் சோதித்துக் கொள்ளலாம் என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு மட்டும் இந்தச் சலுகை இருப்பதனால், சட்டசபை உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும் ஏன் கொடுக்கக்கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" All Government officers are entitled to certain privileges, as also non-gazetted people and employees of local bodies, drawing a salary below Rs. 300 and their families."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will the Government make this check-up free to mothers with over six children? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to carry on propaganda for birth control, Sir."

Liquor permits to foreign tourists

* 1260 *Q.*—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of temporary liquor permits issued to foreign tourists in the State by the Regional Tourist Officer, Madras, during 1953–54; and

(*b*) the conditions on which such permits are issued?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, will it not be in conformity with the policy of our Government to stop issuing liquor permits to foreign tourists who sojourn in our State from time to time?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have to observe certain international obligations, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what the present position as far as these tourists are concerned is, whether they can take any quantity of liquor anywhere as they like or are they controlled by any rules and regulations governing our State? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They are not permitted to take more than eight units and they are controlled by rules and regulations."